



HEARING IMPAIRMENT TEAM SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

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We now draw near to the end of another academic year, and what a busy year it has been! We have said goodbye to some much loved staff and watched students moving on to the next stage in their journey, whether that's starting school, moving on to high school, college, further education or employment! We are so very proud of all of our young people, their effort, determination and progress that they make! In September we welcome our new Peripatetic Team Lead-Teacher of the Deaf, Claire Swallow who will introduce herself in our next newsletter. Have a wonderful summer, stay safe and well and we will all see you in September for what I'm sure will be another fantastic year!

Claire E-B



Moose update

At the end of March, Andrea Wilson, Peripatetic Team Leader, retired, alongside Moose, who has enjoyed supporting children and young people within the Hearing-Impairment Team, both in clinic and in schools and nurseries across Rotherham. More recently, he went 'on loan' to the Complex Needs Team, working with Kat Yates, and enjoyed meeting new people and visiting new schools. As Moose is really too young to retire, he has returned to do some voluntary work, most recently at Kimberworth Primary School.

During the first few months of their retirement, Moose and Andrea, together with Moose's daddy, have enjoyed driving the NC500 in Scotland - there are some amazing beaches for Moose to run on. Moose has also been busy practising for his Level B lifesaving with Manvers Lake Bears Working Newfoundlands. He is not quite ready yet; he is still learning to swim alongside Andrea, rather than climbing on top of her or turning round and heading quickly back to shore! Moose and Andrea are now preparing for a month-long road trip to Provence and Tuscany (before the school holidays). Despite his 75kg weight, Moose is very portable and enjoys meeting people in different countries. Andrea has been busy learning Italian and is looking forward to being able to introduce Moose in lots of coffee shops across northern Italy.



Audiology

Polite notice

Please be aware that **as much notice as possible** is required when cancelling clinic appointments. These appointments can be reallocated if sufficient notice is given. Advance notice helps us reduce waiting times by offering cancelled appointments to those currently on the waiting list. Thank you

BSL

The Level 1 students are hard at work preparing for assessments over the coming weeks. Good luck to everyone, and we hope you enrol on the Level 2 Signature course and continue to learn this beautiful language. Thank you to Mr Sam Nadin for leading the course this year.



A HUGE congratulations to Primrose at Bramley Grange Primary School! We are incredibly proud to celebrate Primrose's achievement in gaining her Level 1 British Sign Language (BSL) qualification.

This is an outstanding accomplishment, made even more special as Primrose is the youngest student ever to pass with Mrs Lawton. What a fantastic milestone!



Rotherham Deaf Connections



Save the dates!

Event dates for 2026

14th February- Trip to Air Haus

14th March- Prepare for Spring

11th April - Easter

9th May- Eid

6th June- Seaside trip TBC

11th July- Summer party

15th August- Picnic in the park

12th September- TBC

10th October- Heroes and Heroines

14th November- Trip to Bowling

28th November- Christmas fayre fundraiser

5th December -Christmas party

*All events subject to change if required.

Any suggestions for events are greatly received.

Please email them or pop them into our suggestions box at an event.

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Thank you for your continued support, Team RDC x



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Year 6 Residential Success - Jacob

During the recent Year 6 residential, Jacob approached every activity with enthusiasm and confidence, successfully completing all the challenges set before him. He demonstrated excellent independence and strong leadership skills throughout the trip, setting a positive example for his peers.

One of Jacob's standout moments was when he guided a group of children through a sensory circuit. He showed incredible communication skills, ensuring everyone understood and felt supported, which helped the group fully engage in the activity.

We are very proud of Jacob's achievements and the mature attitude he showed during the residential—he represented the school brilliantly.



Faris and Toby recently enjoyed a visit to the seaside, where they delighted in exploring Filey and all it has to offer. Meanwhile, Imogen took part in her first school trip with her class, visiting the Butterfly House—an exciting and memorable experience for her.



This term has also seen the introduction of a signing choir, led by Danny from Music and the Deaf. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning new signs and performing fun songs, two of which they will perform at the Summer Fayre.

Wickersley Resource

Viktorie - It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Viktorie this year. Since joining Wickersley in November, she has made a wonderful impression during her eight months with us. Throughout her time at Wickersley, Viktorie has approached everything with excellent focus, determination and a positive attitude. She has worked hard to complete all her examinations.



As she celebrates this special milestone at prom and prepares for the next exciting chapter, we wish her all the very best as she begins college and pursues her ambitions. Congratulations, Viktorie, and we hope you enjoyed your prom night! ✨🎓

World Cup - Bartek

World Cup excitement is here! Students and staff have all been given teams to support, and there is already lots of friendly competition in the department.

Who will be crowned champions, and whose team will go all the way to win the trophy?

We can't wait to find out!



Peri Children



Children at Woodsetts Primary School took part in a Bunny Hop for Weston Park Cancer Charity.

They hopped, skipped and jumped around the playground in a sponsored walk like no other! Mrs Crofts and Esme had to hold on to their bunny ears whilst completing the challenge.

Well done to all the children who took part.

CHSWG

CHSWG: Children's Hearing Services Working Group.



Children's hearing services working group are collecting information about the services in Rotherham and if/how they can be improved.

Please scan the QR code to answer the questions.

Thank you.

Puzzle Time

